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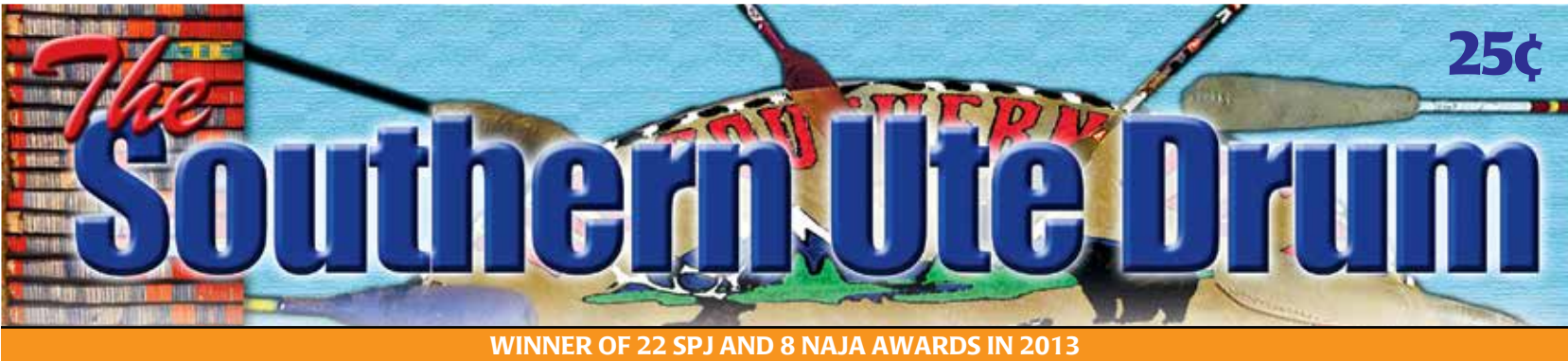
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NATURAL RESOURCES

Council extends special protection to rare white deer spotted on reservation



courtesy Noah Barstatis/SU Forestry Division

A rare leucistic – all-white – deer has been seen several times on the Southern Ute Reservation in mid-November by hunters and tribal staffers.

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council passed a resolution Friday, Dec. 22 adopting emergency regulations to protect a rare all-white deer seen by hunters over the past two weeks on the Southern Ute Reservation. The mule deer is not al-

bino, but leucistic – a condition that describes a lack of all surface pigment but, usually, normally colored eyes. It has been seen several times on the reservation in mid-November by hunters and tribal staffers. To protect the animal, the tribe’s Wildlife Resource Management Division declined to say where it’s been spotted.

“An animal like this is a rarity anywhere,” said tribal elder Alden Naranjo Jr., who provided the cultural perspective to the council prior to its decision. “Something like this that is once in a lifetime ... has a very high spiritual significance to it.” Naranjo said in the past, the reservation occasionally has seen similarly rare

animals – including a pin-to deer – but they received no special protection and were harvested. He encouraged the council to ensure things were different this time. “I think we’ve been blessed with an animal of this significance on the reservation,” he said.

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TRIBAL LAW

Report: Jurisdiction in Indian Country an ‘indefensible morass’

By Tim Heydinger  
SU TRIBAL COURT

The Tribal Law and Order Act was signed into law in July 2010 and created the Indian Law and Order Commission.

The commission is an independent, nonpartisan advisory committee composed of nine members appointed by President Obama and leaders of Congress. Its duty is to undertake a comprehensive study of the criminal justice system as it relates to Indian Country, and to make recommendations for improving the system.

Earlier this month, the commission transmitted its final report to President Obama and Congress. The report is entitled “A Roadmap for Making Native America Safer.”

The commission’s report is remarkable in its rather blunt condemnation of the current state of affairs. After acknowledging the disproportionately high crime rates in Indian Country, the commission questions the effectiveness of the cur-

rent criminal jurisdictional framework – a framework that must consider whether victim is Native American, whether the perpetrator is Native American, where the crime was committed, and the nature of the crime.

The commission describes the current jurisdictional framework as “institutionally complex,” a maze that results in an “extraordinary waste of governmental resources.” It concludes “that criminal jurisdiction in Indian Country is an indefensible morass of complex, conflicting, and illogical commands, layered in over decades via congressional policies and court decisions without the consent of tribal nations.”

The commission recognizes that recent federal legislation – most notably the TOLA and the subsequently-enacted Violence Against Women Act – purport to expand tribal jurisdiction in their own ways. The TOLA gives to tribes greater sentencing power in criminal cases, and the

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SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM

Sold-out native cuisine event packs museum

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

More than 300 people lined up Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum for a taste of buffalo stew, Chimayo red chile and candied bear berries.

In its third year, the museum’s Taste of Native Cuisine & Culture Expo kicked off with two dance demonstrations, one by the crown dancers of New Mexico’s Jicarilla Apache Nation and the other by Southern Ute dancers, who exhibited various styles. A tour of the museum followed before lunch was ready.

Creating the menu were professional chefs M. Karlos Baca and Anthony Hamlin. The spread included more than a dozen modern takes on traditional fare, including Navajo tea-braised pork belly, juniper berry and wild mushroom ragout, and cranberry and habanero mousse.

“It was a terrific event,” said Nathan Strong Elk, acting executive director of the museum. “We break bread and we develop the ties with the community.”

Strong Elk said food is a big part of native culture, and sharing it helps perpetuate tradition and support tribal sovereignty. The bison used in the stew came from



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Chef Anthony Hamlin (right) and helpers prepare a feast for more than 300 attendees of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum’s third annual Taste of Native Cuisine & Culture Expo on Saturday, Nov. 16.

the Southern Ute herd and “was harvested in a ceremonial manner,” he added.

The purpose of the event was twofold, Strong Elk said: to raise funds for the museum and to celebrate November as Native Ameri-

can Heritage Month.

Strong Elk said the popularity of the event has prompted his team to look into adding a similar summer event next year and expanding the November one to multiple days.

Tribe gives thanks



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Vanessa Torres is served some ham at the Southern Ute Thanksgiving dinner at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Saturday, Nov. 23. For more photos, see page 6.

It’s powwow time



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Head Man Dancer Edward Box III and Head Woman Dancer Neida Chackee led the two-step during the Southern Ute Culture Department’s powwow in recognition of Native American Month. The Powwow was held in the large classroom of the Southern Ute Cultural Center, Friday, Nov. 22. For more photos, see page 3.

So. Ute tribal offices holiday hours

- |                      |        |                          |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------------|
| • Thursday, Nov. 28  | Closed | Thanksgiving day         |
| • Friday, Nov. 29    | Closed | Thanksgiving holiday     |
| • Monday, Dec. 9     | Closed | Leonard C. Burch holiday |
| • Tuesday, Dec. 10   | Closed | Leonard C. Burch Day     |
| • Wednesday, Dec. 25 | Closed | Christmas day            |







## COUNCIL CORNER

# Chairman Newton makes headway on fracking regs during D.C. visit

By Beth Santistevan  
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is known throughout Indian Country as a pioneer when it comes to economic success.

Historically, when Native Americans were put onto reservations, the federal government probably didn't anticipate native nations becoming leading players in the sale and collection of oil and natural gas.

On May 11, 2012, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management published in the Federal Register a proposed rule entitled "Oil and Gas; Well Stimulation, Including Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands." The process of hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," is to stimulate production from oil and gas wells.

Public awareness of hydraulic fracturing had grown since horizontal technology has allowed increased access to shale oil and gas resources across the country, sometimes in areas where gas or oil development hasn't experienced significant growth.

The rapid expansion of the practice has caused public concern about whether fracturing can lead to or cause contamination of underground water sources, whether the chemicals used in fracturing should be disclosed to the public, and whether there is adequate management of well integrity and the "flowback" fluids that return to the surface during and after fracturing operations.

The BLM oversees approximately 56 million subsurface acres of Indian mineral estate across the

United States. A revised rule published May 24 of this year would modernize the BLM's management of hydraulic fracturing by ensuring that operations on public mineral land follow certain best practices, including the public disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing operations on federal and Indian lands; the confirmation that wells used in hydraulic fracturing operations meet appropriate construction standards; and the requirement that operators put appropriate plans in place for managing flowback waters from fracturing operations.

This rule would apply to Indian lands so the lands and communities receive the same level of protection provided on public lands.

It's important for elected officials of the State of Colorado to hear about the Southern Ute Reservation and our view on the BLM's hydraulic fracturing rule.

"The rule as written doesn't distinguish between tribal and public lands. Therefore, it doesn't allow tribes like Southern Ute to choose whether it should apply or not," Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. said. "It also doesn't recognize tribal sovereignty, because it doesn't allow tribes to self-govern their own fracking," he continued.

In a recent trip to Washington, D.C., Newton and staff met with Mike Black, director of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, to encourage him to become more involved in the proposed rule. While Black didn't make any hard promises, it's important that tribes like Southern Ute and sister tribe Northern Ute

be heard at the federal level.

The meeting was also attended by Chairman Gordon Howell of Northern Ute, representatives from the National Congress of American Indians, and an attorney working with various energy tribes across the country. While Black said he hadn't been as engaged in the proposed rule as he should have been, he indicated there had been some informal conversations with Neil Kornze, principal deputy director of the BLM.

"During that meeting, it was strongly suggested that Black become more involved, and it was good to hear that he has committed to setting up a meeting with Kornze to include Southern Ute as well," Newton said.

Newton then met with representatives from the office of Sen. Tom Udall, D-Colo., to discuss concerns about the fracking rule. The representatives were receptive to Southern Ute and offered the support of Udall. They offered to follow up with the BLM and the BIA to confirm the meeting promised by Black would indeed occur. They also offered to ask questions to Kornze about the rule.

After leaving Washington, Newton said he felt there was extensive groundwork laid and very positive feedback from elected officials with respect to the tribe's legislative priorities.

"It's important to develop these relationships with federal officials. It shows that tribes have sovereignty, and through self-governance the Southern Ute Tribe wants D.C. to acknowledge our authority for ourselves and our own people," Newton said.

## MANY MOONS AGO



### 10 years ago

The elders' Thanksgiving meal was served in Rolling Thunder Hall on Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003. Junior Miss Southern Ute Katrina Naranjo Velasquez served as the official front door greeter, and the banquet staff at the Sky Ute Casino did a bang-up job with the decorations and the meal. After Eddie Box Jr. offered the blessing at 11 a.m., the first of the elders and their guests started going through the serving line.

This photo first appeared in the November 26, 2003, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

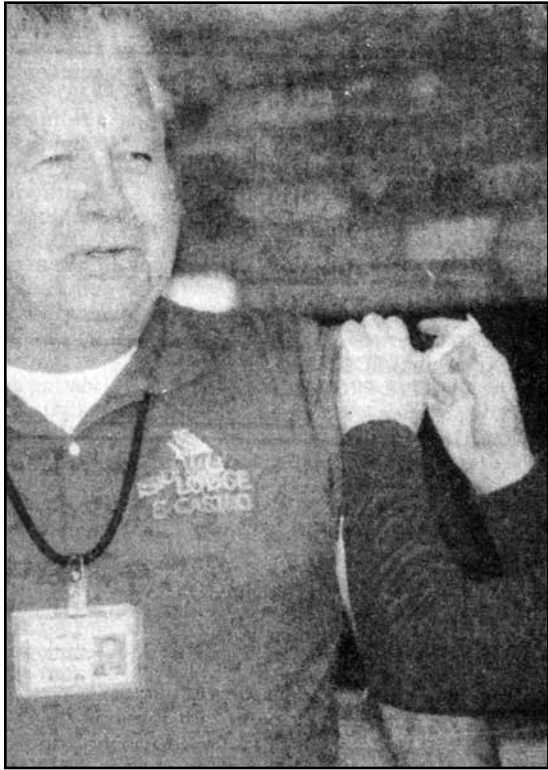


Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

Harold McCoilough gets a flu shot in the Annex Building.

This photo first appeared in the November 26, 1993, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS

The Holiday season will soon be here. This is a notice to inform you that Transit Waste does not provide service on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. During Thanksgiving, Thursday pickups will be done on Friday

and Friday pickups will be done on Saturday. On the Christmas holiday, Transit Waste will be one day behind the whole week. Finally for New Year's Day, Transit Waste will be on their regular routes. If you have any questions, call the Utilities Division office at 970-563-5500.

### Snow removal priority list is as follows:



1. Dialysis Patients
2. Tribal Elders and Disabled Tribal Members
3. All other Tribal Home Owners

When a snow storm hits, please keep this priority list in mind. The snow removal crew will get to you in the order listed.

SOON THE SNOW WILL BE FALLING -

We would like to remind homeowners of your responsibilities to assist in the snow removal process.

- ~ Please identify the areas that will need to be cleared of snow
- ~ Please inform drivers of any items in your yard such as; utilities - electrical meter boxes, phone boxes, water meters, sewer cleanouts
- ~ Please pick up all personal or valuable items **PRIOR** to large amounts of snow fall to insure the snow removal crews do not damage them. For example: bikes, yard ornaments, garden hoses, vehicles, toys etc.
- ~ Please keep all road accesses that require snow removal clear so that crews can get in and out in a timely manner

### \*\*\*\*TRIBAL MEMBERS ON OXYGEN\*\*\*\*

Contact your oxygen provider - ask them to provide oxygen canisters that do not require electricity to use in case of a power outage



### Contact Numbers

SUPD >>> 563-4401  
Tribal Housing Department >>> 563-4710  
Construction Service Division >>> 563-0260  
Wood Yard >>> 563-0270

Motor Pool >>> 563-0280  
SUIHA >>> 563-4575  
Custom Farms >>> 563-0220  
Grounds Maint. >>> 563-0272



SU Drum archive

### 30 years ago

Southern Ute Head Start children were fingerprinted by the Southern Ute Tribal Police Department. Ella Marie Joy was fingerprinted by Greg Borst and Sgt. Elwood Kent.

This photo first appeared in the December 2, 1983, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE • RUN-OFF ELECTION DECEMBER 13, 2013

Candidates for one Tribal Council Member seats are:  
Notice: Vote for one

James M. Olguin  
Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST  
NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED

- Polls open at 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the SunUte Community Center.
- Voting is by secret ballot.
- Voting by proxy is not allowed.
- Persons waiting in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

**Voter Registration Deadline:** Wednesday, December 4, 2013 by 5 p.m.  
**Absentee Ballot Request Deadline:** Wednesday, December 4, 2013 by 5 p.m.  
**Emergency Ballot Request Deadline:** Thursday, December 12, 2013 by 5 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303, or 2305. Off-Reservation Tribal members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303. Email is election@southernute-nsn.gov. The Election Board is open monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.





# A time to dance

**The Southern Ute Culture Department organized a mini-powwow in honor of Native American Heritage Month on Friday, Nov. 22 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum. Approximately 100 people ate dinner, shared stories and enjoyed one another's company. The drumbeat of Yellow Jacket filled the large classroom.**

**Photos by Robert L. Ortiz**  
The Southern Ute Drum



The beauty of the women dancers graced the floor of the large classroom as they danced.



Jace Carenoros grabs a handful of candy as others scurry for some of the sweet treats during a giveaway.



Little Miss Southern Ute Ollyvia Howe and her father, Walter Howe, share a bonding moment during the two-step.



Southern Ute tribal member grass dancer David Boyd showed his moves during the men's dance special.

## Chairman Newton visits schools



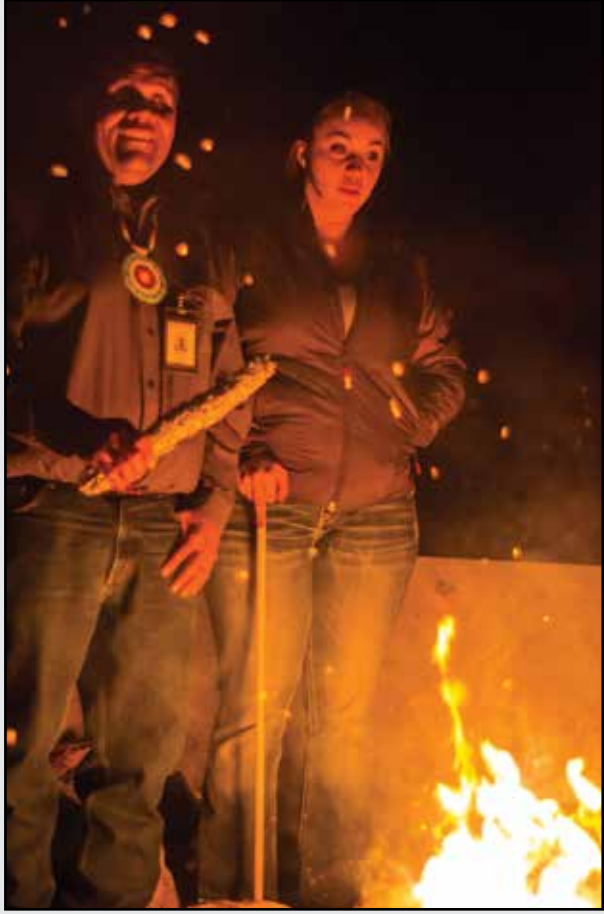
photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. visited the Ignacio High and Ignacio Elementary schools for Native American Heritage Month on Monday, Nov. 18, to discuss his experiences as chairman. Newton talked to the students about being respectful to others. His artistic work included headdresses, broaches and beadwork.

Newton displays a crafted headdress while visiting students at Ignacio Elementary School on Monday, Nov. 18. Newton discussed his history growing up in Ignacio and how he came to his role as chairman.



## Museum hosts talking circle



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Nathan Strong Elk, acting executive director of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum, leads the blessings around a warm fire during an Indigenous Talking Circle on Friday, Nov. 15 at the museum. The talking circle featured open discussions about respect and awareness of cultural values. Further conversations included the importance of taking responsibility, finishing school, providing for family, and working with the youth through personal experiences.

## ELDERS NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

**Nov. 28 and 29:** The Elder Services Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. All trips will need to have 3 or more Tribal Elder, Handicapped and Disabled members. Dates are subject to change without prior notice. If you have any questions please call the Elder Services Office at 970-563-0156.

## CULTURAL UPDATE

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STUFF GOODIE BAGS**  
The Southern Ute Culture Department will be bagging goodies for the Christmas Program on Wednesday December 18th starting at 9am. If you are interested please come join us, we have 700 bags to fill. For more information please call Tara Vigil, Events Coordinator 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

**TALENT SEARCH FOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**  
The Southern Ute Christmas Program will be held on Dec. 21, starting at 4 p.m. at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center. If you are interested or know of anybody

who would like to do a 15-20 minute entertainment for the program please contact Tara Vigil, Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

**MUSEUM EXTENDS RAFFLE FOR ATV TO FEB 14**  
The board of directors of the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum has extended the drawing date for the Honda ATV raffle until noon, Feb. 14, 2014. Only 2,000 total tickets will be sold at \$20 each or six for \$100. Tickets can be purchased in person at the museum front desk, from board members and staff, and by phone with a credit card by calling 970-563-9583.

## Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) seeks to provide opportunities for the young people, including those with special needs, of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to make their voices heard and to address the important issues facing the Tribe. The SCSYAC aims to enlist young tribal members in service to the Tribe as a whole. To set the example for other youth by being involved in continuing education, volunteering and helping out their community, involvement in cultural actives, and to model leadership skills in their community. The SCSYAC is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members ages 11-17 and should be attending high school, participating in an accredited homeschool program, should be striving to complete their GED, or currently enrolled in college courses.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT

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WHITE DEER • FROM PAGE 1

Members of the council unanimously agreed. Councilman Howard D. Richards Sr. said each time he prays, he asks for protection of the wildlife.

“I respect that, and I want to move forward with [the resolution],” he said.

Councilman Alex S. Cloud said it’s important that both tribal members and tribal law enforcement officials know about the deer’s

protected status.

“The Creator has given us this gift, this animal, so we need to protect it,” he said.

Under the tribal constitution, the council’s emergency regulations may take effect without prior advertisement, but will only last 90 days unless there’s a vote to extend them. And critically, Wildlife Resource Management Division Head Steve Whiteman added, they

only apply as long as the deer remains within the reservation boundaries.

The white deer is a significant symbol in several cultures. In Christianity, Saint Eustace was converted after a vision in which he saw a white stag with a cross between his antlers while hunting. In Celtic lore, the white stag appears when someone is transgressing and represents the Otherworld.

Box joins Gaming Commission



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Bertha Box is sworn in as a member of the Southern Ute Gaming Commission on Thursday, Nov. 21 by Chief Judge Chantelle Cloud of the Southern Ute Tribal Court.

Elders dine together



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

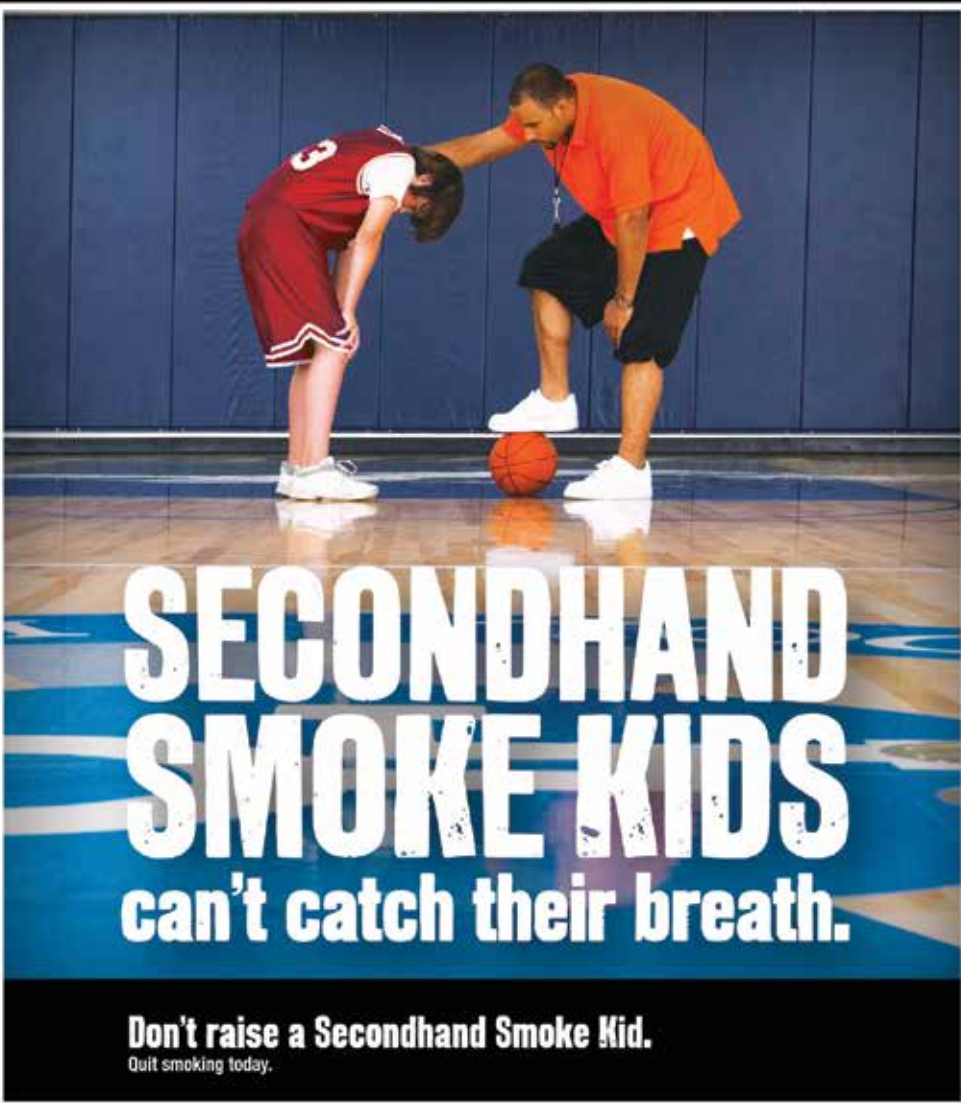
Spaghetti, French bread, corn and cake completed the meal at the elders’ luncheon at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum on Friday, Nov. 15.

Lucero joins Election Board



Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Debra Lucero recites the oath of office to become an alternate member of the Southern Ute Election Board on Friday, Nov. 22. Chantelle Cloud, chief judge of the Southern Ute Tribal Court, administered the oath in the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chambers. Lucero joins the board just before a runoff election slated for Friday, Dec. 13 between James M. Olguin and Joycelyn Dutchie.



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Health Center holiday schedule

• Day before Thanksgiving	Nov. 27	8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
• Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 28	Closed
• Day after Thanksgiving	Nov. 29	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
• Day before Leonard Burch Day	Dec. 9	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
• Leonard Burch Day	Dec. 10	Closed
• Christmas Eve	Dec. 24	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
• Christmas Day	Dec. 25	Closed
• Days after Christmas	Dec. 26-27	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
• New Years Eve	Dec. 31	8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
• New Years Day	Jan. 1	Closed
• Days after New Years Day	Jan. 2-3	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Ignacio Middle School Honor Roll

<b>4.0</b> Gabriana Creason Natoní Cundiff Briana Duran Elizaveta Gearhart Lauren Gram Brianna Henderson Makiah Howe Makayla Howell Wyatt Logan Payton Lyon Emerald Owens Dustin Sanchez Elizabeth Valdez Johnny Valdez Jr Chloe Velasquez	<b>Ian Weinreich</b> Quincy Witt  <b>3.8</b> Kendall Raby Chasity Bean Amethyst Egger-Morris Anastasia Ellison Avionne Gomez Emily Lohrey Lakota TwoCrow Kiana Valdez Ada Wilmer	<b>3.6</b> Eli Armendariz Rosaleigh Concepcion Piper Creason Sydney Cruz Lawrence Duffin-Valdez Chase Francis Larissa Gallegos Stephan Gomez Justus Logan Destiny Lucero Cole McCaw Keegan Richmond  <b>3.5</b> Victoria Adams
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Southern Ute Education Dept.  
2013/2014 Sudden Science  
and STEM schedules

Sudden Science (K-2)		Sudden Science (Grds. 3-5)	
Nov. 27	(Thanksgiving Brk.)	Feb. 5	Class
Dec. 4	Class	Feb. 12	Class
Dec. 11	Class	Feb. 19	Class
Dec. 18	Class	March 5	Class
Dec. 25	(Winter Break)	March 13	Class
Jan. 1	(Winter Break)	March 19	Class
Jan. 8	Class	April 2	(Spring Break)
Jan. 15	Class	April 9	Class
Jan. 22	Last class	April 16	Class
		April 23	Class
		May 7	Class
		May 14	Last class

STEM (Grades 3-5)

Jan. 29	Class
Feb. 26	Class
March 26	Class
April 30	Last class

NOTE: Only STEM classes meet the last Wednesday of each month

ALL CLASSES MEET ON EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY

Annual Tribal Christmas Dinner & Program

Saturday December 21, 2013

Location: Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center

Dinner Starts at 11:30am to 3pm

Christmas Program Starts at 4:00pm

The Southern Ute Tribal Christmas Dinner is open to Southern Ute Tribal Members & Families along with Ute Mountain and Northern Ute Members. Head of Household sign in required.

Southern Ute Tribal Elders wishing to have their food delivered call:  
Gloria Frost 563-0100 ext. 2323







EDUCATION

# Visiting Christian Thompson, McCormick & Company intern

By La Titia Taylor  
SU EDUCATION DEPT.

On Nov. 18, Luana Herrera and I made a student visit and had the privilege of visiting Christian Thompson at his internship site in Baltimore, Md., at McCormick & Company.

Christian is a senior at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., obtaining a degree in packing engineering. He has excellent grades and has proven to be a valuable intern at McCormick.

We visited with his mentor, John Rzepka, who is an engineer and has been with McCormick for 13 years, along with three other mentors. They all stated he is an excellent intern and is a pleasure to teach and work with.

“He is a diamond in the rough,” Rzepka said.

He also said that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe was one of two groups, the other being Clemson Uni-



versity, that has ever sent someone to visit their intern.

Christian was given the task to research the Old Bay spice can and the packing process with which McCormick was having some issues. He did a drop test and completed 40 pages of research on the issue; he identified the problem and saved the company millions of dollars. That was incredible; we are so proud of Christian!

Luana and I toured the 350,000-square-foot pack-

ing facility where Christian observes and makes sure the packing process is running smoothly for the recently-bought-out Lawry’s spice company. He is now designing a box to fit one of the Lawry spice bottles that has slightly changed. He showed us his experimentation and is very close in having a final product.

Christian must also demonstrate teamwork and build a positive relationship with those that are doing the actual packing. His mentors said he is doing a fine job, as Luana and I witnessed. Christian will graduate in early May 2014.

We here at the Southern Ute Education Department are very proud of you, Christian; keep up the good work! We know you will be a success and hope that one day with your intellectual mind, degree and humbling personality, that you will come back and be a leader for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## IHS honors academic stars



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

The Cats Make the Grade assembly took place in the Ignacio High School gym on Wednesday, Nov. 13, celebrating honor students from all grades with prizes, including T-shirts, bags and certificates. The awards included the Cool Cat Award, star attendance, bobcat of the week, staff of the week and student of the quarter. Tyson Wood was awarded teacher of the quarter.

## Treating grandparents to a song



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start treated family members to food and a song during the Grandparents Thanksgiving Luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 21.



Early Head Start students take their seats for the annual Thanksgiving luncheon in the Head Start gym.

Tribal member Edward Box III gave the blessing for the food.

## BGC honors Veterans



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Bruce LeClaire (left), a Southern Ute veteran of the U.S. Army, is presented a thank-you card on Friday, Nov. 15 for his service, signed by the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the SunUte Community Center. LeClaire served three years in combat. Southern Ute veteran Tim Watts and Gregory Hall of the Boys & Girls Club were also awarded a card in acknowledgement of their services. Watts served three years and Hall four. Augustus Burch and Lindsay Box of the Boys & Girls Club hope to further educate club members about the community while encouraging character building.

## EDUCATION UPDATE

### ATTENTION GED STUDENTS

If you are a GED student working toward completing your GED credential, there are some major changes you need to know about. Starting January 2, 2014, students trying to earn their GED will take the new 2014 GED test. That means that students who are testing today must finish up all five subject area tests of the, now old, 2002 Series GED Test by December 31 or start from scratch with the 2014 GED test. In other word, if you have passed some of the 5

required tests but do not complete all of them before December 31, your work will be lost. If this is you, and you don’t wish to start over, do this ... Get on the GED website [www.gedcomputer.com](http://www.gedcomputer.com) today. Register and create an account. Schedule a test time. There is not much time to save your work up to this point. If you have any questions or need help, call the Adult Education Center and talk with Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger (Adult Education Program Manager) or Renee Sage (Office Manager) at 970-563- 0237.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Southern Ute Education Department invites you to participate in a Leadership Conference

- On December 7th Southern Ute enrolled tribal members ages 11-18 are invited to be a leader in your community. Howard Rainer is a respected and well-known motivational speaker in the Southwest and is coming to provide a training and workshops for you to gain the skills to be the leaders of tomorrow.
- While attending this conference you will learn leadership skills, motivation, and when to speak up for yourself and others.
- Where? Sky Ute Casino in the Bonny Kent Room.
- When? December 7th 9am-2pm
- Lunch and Breakfast will be provided
- Community service hours awarded for Bayfield & Ignacio

Please RSVP by December 2nd by contacting Mary Guenther (970)-563-0100 ext. 2791

Spots available after December 2nd for 1st generation decedents. You must RSVP by December 3rd.

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## Southern Ute Education Department Open House for the Tribal Membership

[December 16, Monday]

[10:00am—3:00pm ]

[Education Building ]

[330 Burns Avenue]

Southern Ute Tribal Families; You're Invited

To a special Open House just for you @ The Southern Ute Education Department! Come meet the staff and become more familiar with our programs and opportunities!

Tables will be set up for each Program (Adult Education Scholarship Program, Certificate Program, K-12 Tutoring Program, Youth Employment Coordinator, Elders scholarships, JOM and more) with information on programs, and their availability. Hope To See You There!!

Refreshments & Lite Lunch Provided





Southern Ute Thanksgiving dinner attendees (left to right) Elaine Newton, Mary Sage, Eleanor Archuleta and Virginia Sage enjoy food and conversation at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Saturday, Nov. 23.



Miss Southern Ute Amber Doughty addresses the membership with good wishes for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Junior Miss Southern Ute Alexandria Roubideaux welcomes attendees to the annual Thanksgiving dinner.



Manuel Heart, newly elected chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe, talks about giving thanks this holiday season.

## Giving thanks

**H**undreds of Ute tribal members and families filled the Events Center at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Saturday, Nov. 23 for the tribe's annual Thanksgiving dinner. The casino also hosted a Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair the same day.

Photos by Trennie Collins  
The Southern Ute Drum



Tribal members stand in line waiting to dish up a Thanksgiving feast with all the fixings.

### Just in time for the holidays



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Patrons at the Sky Ute Casino Resort walk the halls and banquet rooms to explore the goodies at the Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, Nov. 23.

### Thanksgiving greeting



courtesy Marquette Howe

Thanksgiving greeting from Little Miss Southern Ute!  
Mique,  
I am this year's Little Miss Southern Ute, Ollyvia Howe.  
I would like to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving and may the Creator watch over you and yours.

Thank you,  
Ollyvia Howe  
Little Miss Southern Ute 2013-2014

SunUte Community Center & The Durango Narrow Gauge Railroad Presents:

## THE POLAR EXPRESS

A TRIBAL FAMILY FIELD TRIP

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Greg Thomas (left) and Bennie Cowen serve as the brass section for Parliament-Funkadelic.

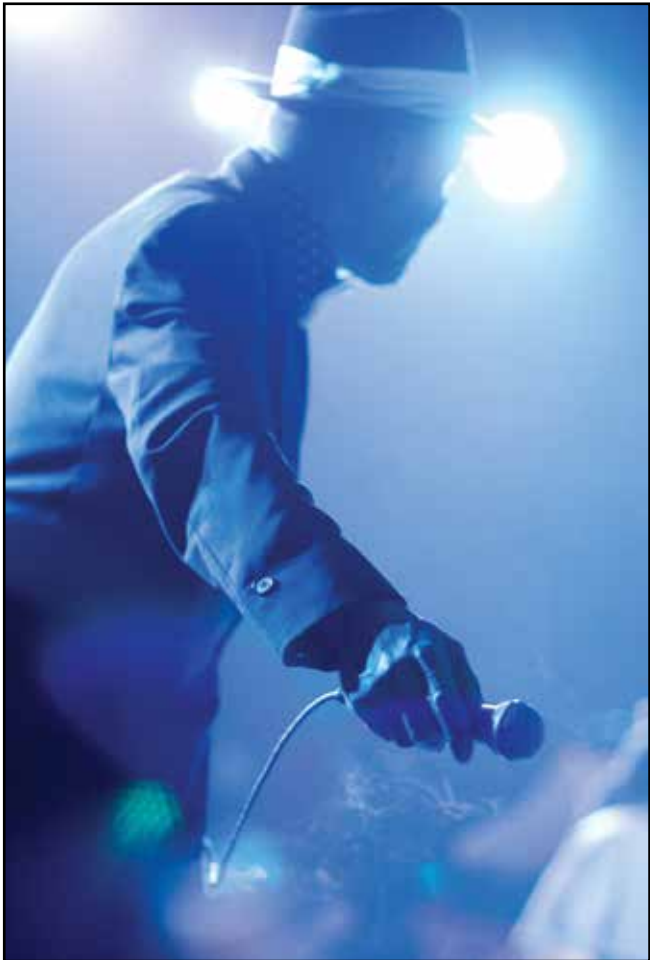


Clinton was born in North Carolina and has since remained the mastermind behind Parliament-Funkadelic. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1997 along with 15 of his band members.

# Funk invades casino

**L**egendary funk-master George Clinton delivered an energized performance on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center with the Parliament-Funkadelic. The 72-year-old musician kept the groove flowing with classic songs including “Flash Light,” “Atomic Dog,” and “Give Up the Funk.”

Photos by **Damon Toledo**  
The Southern Ute Drum



The sounds of funk blasted through the speakers as the crowd sang along while dancing the night away.



Top hats, flamingo sunglasses, and various colorful attire set the tone for the show.



Guitar shredder Ricky Rouse finishes a solo during the last song of the night.

## Bull riding returns to Ignacio



photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

The American Youth Bull Riding Finals took place at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds Nov. 21-24. Southern Ute representatives (left to right) Little Miss Southern Ute Ollyvia Howe, Miss Southern Ute Amber Doughty and Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr. welcomed participants and spectators to Ignacio during the event’s opening ceremony Thursday, Nov. 21.

The event kicked off with wooly riding, a crowd favorite.



## J-stylez wows at SunUte



photos Ace Stryker/SU Drum

Members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe gasped with delight during a basketball demonstration Wednesday, Nov. 20 in the SunUte Community Center gym. Jerrickson “J-Stylez” Hosteen, a member of the Navajo Nation from Sawmill, Ariz., performed a variety of tricks.

Hosteen encouraged club members to get involved by calling them up to participate in his tricks during the demonstration.







IHS FOOTBALL

Multiple gridders make All-SPC

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

One-year turnaround from 2-7 to 6-3 – nearly worthy of a Class 1A State Playoffs berth, to boot? Check.

Players recognized accordingly by their coaching peers? After Centauri’s 32-24 loss at Paonia on Saturday, Nov. 23, deciding Colorado’s best in its smallest-scale 11-man division for 2013: check, at last, with the Nov. 25 release of the All-Southern Peaks Conference teams.

And though the Falcons may have had a state-caliber quarterback, First Team choice K.C. Jarvies, leading their flight to the championship, Ignacio had the signal-caller who, for much of the season, was the state’s best.

First Team junior Adison Jones helped IHS finish 3-2 in conference, good for third place behind CHS and Monte Vista, which eventually fell to PHS early in the playoffs – but with nearly 2,000 yards through the air and an outstanding 25:6 TD-to-INT ratio. First Team senior Clayton Jefferson finished with a team-high 51 receptions, 11 going for touchdowns, for nearly 750 yards. He also picked off five enemy passes.

Junior Blaine Mickey scored a pair of touchdowns rushing, but along with fellow First Team junior Josh Gallegos, used strength as his calling card in protecting Jones, clearing the way for Second Team picks Adam Herrera (senior; 886 yards total offense, 17 total TD)



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Adison Jones (8) takes a pistol formation-style snap on the road at Centauri this season. Jones approached the 2,000-yard mark in passing, and was a First Team All-Southern Peaks Conference choice after helping IHS go from 2-7 in 2012 to 6-3 in 2013.

and Miguel Perez (junior; 180 yards, 3 TD rushing), or pounding away defensively on the opposition.

Mickey was credited with 49 total tackles (Jones was in on 42 and Perez 41) for the season, with Gallegos recording 16 in the trenches alongside Honorable Mention All-SPC junior Alex Lopez (25 tackles).

After guiding his squad to the SoPeaks’ title, and then an impressive postseason run through Eastern Plains powers Wray, Burlington and Limon, CHS’s Kyle Forster was named Coach of the Year while senior First Team-er Jason Buhr earned Offensive Player of the Year for the 11-2, 5-0 Falcons.

Center senior First Team-er Luis Mariscal was tabbed Defensive Player of the Year, helping Lee Flood’s Vikings to a 6-3, 2-3 (fourth place) finish.

MORE FIRST TEAM:

Centauri – Jareb Aziz, Mitchell Wilson, Clay McCarroll, R.J. Ruybal; Monte Vista (8-3, 4-1) – Mitch Vanderpool, Jacob Vance, Matt Barnes, Michael Sanchez, Daniel Borunda; Center – Jose Angel Chavez III, Jeremiah Moreno; Dolores (1-7, 1-4) – Ethan Upton, Evan Moore; Del Norte (0-9, 0-5) – Cody Paine, Paul Atencio.

MORE SECOND TEAM:

Centauri – James Richardson, Jensen Hamilton, Kody Smith; MV – Brenen Ramirez, Mike Valdez; Center – Jeremy Moreno, Nabor Quintana; D – Kellen Gatzke, Deano Valdez; DN – Mac Mondragon.

MORE HONORABLE MENTION: Centauri – Matthew Jarvies, Shane Wilson; MV – Isaiah Duran, Simon Schaeffer, Presley Garcia; Center – Gustavo Nungaray, Mauricio Paez; D – Tristan Medina, Rusher Ammon; DN – Matthew Mueller.

IHS VOLLEYBALL

Volleycat gains All-State shine

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Her ace came one point too early; if its timing could only have been predicted and adjusted, Cloe Seibel would have ended her prep-level volleyball days with the next-best thing to a booming kill shot.

“Not many people in my area have gotten this far,” she said of the gem, which baffled Greeley Dayspring Christian’s Emily Kurz and put her team on match point, 24-16, “so just serve it for them!”

But the Ignacio senior’s un-returnable offering late in the Sunday, Nov. 17 Colorado Coaches of Girls’ Sports All-State Volleyball Match, played up at Arvada West High School, still kept her at the service line, needing to simply swat – and keep – the sphere in bounds once more to all but clinch victory for the Class 2A-Blue.

Seconds later and just a couple steps nearer the net, Seibel’s shout blended with those of her one-time-only teammates as the win over the 2A-Red was made official: 25-18, 25-18, 25-16.

“I was thinking ... being relaxed, ‘Just play!’” she said. “My last time to play volleyball as a high-school player ... just give it my all.”

“I was surprised at how quickly we meshed,”



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With Mosca Sangre de Cristo’s Jessica Fritz (23) backing her up, Ignacio’s Cloe Seibel (0) comes up with a dig during the 2013 Colorado Coaches of Girls’ Sports All-State Class 2A Match, Nov. 17 up at Arvada West High School.

echoed Limon’s Keturah Tatum. “Yesterday during practice it went well, and then today we just went out and did what we knew how to do. It was amazing!”

With Seibel playing primarily in the back row for Fowler’s Sandy Moss and Sargent’s Randi Asbell, coming up with a couple digs but also a high serve-receive percentage, Game 1 went into history on a hitting error by Meeker’s Aly Ridings after a tough serve by Tatum. And with Fowler’s Lindsey Moss on serve for a quick 5-0 start to Game 2, 2A-Red was forced to play from behind and could not recover.

Their best chance to prolong the contest came Game 3, as they fought to a 12-12 tie before the Blues began pulling away, with Seibel gaining the serve – for good, as it turned out – at 22-16.

“A lot of stress was off, you know. In practice I was a setter, but my shoulder ... I have an AC separation, and it was just bugging me. [Moss] asked if I wanted to be a libero for her team because I was a great passer, and I wanted to,” said Seibel, named First Team All-San Juan Basin League for 2013.

“And if I ever wanted to play in college it would be at libero or [defensive specialist], where I would prefer. It was so much fun. I never get to pass in the season, so it was really fun to be different!”

“It’s awesome,” Tatum said. “You know, if I play anything else it’ll be at different levels. And it was just exciting to see the different talent, how each team was made. Our team ... it was nice.”

Completing Ignacio’s postseason awards, senior Angela Herrera – a top alternate for the CCGS event in case of injury or unavailability – was one of three

Honorable Mention All-SJBL honorees.

Dove Creek’s Scott Knuckles was named Coach of the Year, after the Lady Bulldogs’ spectacular 26-1 campaign ending with a semifinals loss to eventual Class 1A State Champions Fleming inside the Denver Coliseum. Dove Creek did conquer Pool I in the capital city before bowing out, however, with victories over Kit Carson (16-10) and Edwards-based Vail Christian (19-7).

Fowler (27-3) defeated Iliff Caliche (26-3) in the 2013 grand finale – 19-25, 25-22, 25-22 and 25-21 – but Knuckles and assistant Jody Gardner were given the honor of skipping, with Flagler’s Pam Fagerlund (still adding to her Colorado-best career wins total), the 1A-Blue side at the CCGS showcase.

And with First Team All-SJBL picks Shelby Knuckles and Madison Young anchoring his one-off roster – Kristin Knuckles was also named First Team, but was not chosen to travel to Arvada – a 25-18, 25-18, 25-13 victory was produced.

Finishing 20-6 under Tracy Hill and Amy Rutherford, Ridgway’s amazing, youth-driven run – powered by sophomore Kaitlyn Rutherford and freshman setter Ara Norwood, both First Teamers – into the 2A State Championships ended with losses to Meeker (19-8) and Loveland Resurrection Christian (29-0), which went on to sweep Parker Lutheran (25-3) to earn the Gold Ball.

Dolores’ trio of Courtney Blackmer, Elana Bernholtz and Larissa Umberger earned First Team All-SJBL nods, as did Norwood’s Jordan Williams, Telluride’s Erin Kean and Mancos’ Jessica Wilburn. NHS’ Makayla Gordon and Ouray’s Jackie Saunders were the other Honorable Mention choices.



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## COMMUNITY GREETINGS



**AVERY** - Nov. 26, 2009



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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TURKEY BABIES

Thank you for each bringing joy and laughter to our family. You three are special in that each of you were born on Thanksgiving Day. We are thankful to have you all in our family.

*Love you,*

*Your Uncle Bobbles and the Ortiz family AND extended families, and loved ones.*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY MELANIE ANN BAKER

Thanks for being who you are!

*All of our love,  
Cathy, Ryan, Lorenzo, Arden,  
your sister Maya and Family*

### HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY

To my beautiful niece Amaya Raine "Peaches".

*Auntie Loves U so much!  
Mo meh' Ahmoo shro' mah!*

## Correction

In a cutline in the Nov. 15 issue of the Drum, Ronnie Baker was misidentified as being in the U.S. Air Force. He was in the Army.

## STARWHEELS

Horoscopes by "The Star Lady"

♊ **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21)**  
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS SAGITTARIUS! The NEW MOON in your sign on the 2nd launches an optimistic start to this festive month. You'll be "decking the halls" in grand style, and after the 4th when MERCURY zips into SAGITTARIUS your creativity increases. Step right up and claim your fair share of MERCURY'S clever ideas. Adopt a fresh point of view. VENUS turns retrograde on the 21st making it important to plan your shopping wisely. Make a list, and stick to it. Chances are you could overlook someone, or something.

♑ **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20)**  
MERRY CHRISTMAS CAPRICORN! While the SUN hangs out in a quiet sector this month you might be privately pondering what your next move will be. In the meantime maintain a positive outlook CAPRICORN. Mighty JUPITER sits in the partnership area and invites help from those closest to you. Friends are there when you need them. Take time out to relax, and enjoy some of your favorite activities. Make peace with the past events of the year. On the 21st you'll be setting an energetic new cycle into motion.

♒ **AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 – Feb. 18)**  
TIS THE SEASON TO BE MERRY! Make a wish and send it out to the Universe, Aquarians. A visionary NEW MOON in Sagittarius on the 2nd initiates fresh potential, and optimism in the area of your personal hopes and wishes. Friendships and social activities are revitalized. Later on the 17th a playful FULL MOON in GEMINI illuminates the entertainment zone of your Horoscope, and the Holiday Spirit takes hold. As an added CHRISTMAS bonus ...your ruling planet URANUS awakens and moves forward again and so do you.

♐ **PISCES (Feb. 19 – March 20)**  
CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS PISCES! December's Lunation on the 2nd sets a new direction into motion. You may see your popularity soar as the SUN shines bright in the professional area of your chart. Be at your best this month. Others notice you when VENUS enters the area of your hopes and wishes after the 20th. What you set into motion by the 12th, will manifest later in May with positive results. Stay the course PISCES PEOPLE. There is much to gain.

♈ **ARIES (March 21 – April 20)**  
JOYOUS DECEMBER RAMS! With the SUN and MERCURY shining brightly in the house of travel there's every reason to believe that you might be bitten by the traveling bug. Whether it's a visit to family members far away, or just an urge to get out of Dodge and seek new adventures, this may be a restless month. MARS your pal, enters the sign of LIBRA on the 7th and stirs relationship matters. It may be best to employ a little more patience, and create a harmonious environment.

♉ **TAURUS (April 21 – May 20)**  
HAPPY HOLIDAY'S TAURUS! December's planetary emphasis concern's money matters. Something you know how to handle very well. MARS in LIBRA on the 7th, inspires a desire to create beautiful, and harmonious surroundings. Making a change in your daily routine might be helpful during the holiday season. Be willing to try new things. Helping others this month may prove to be very rewarding TAURUS. Spread some CHRISTMAS cheer. VENUS goes into its backward motion on the 21st, and may slow things down a bit, be patient.

♊ **GEMINI (May 21 – June 21)**  
COZY CHRISTMAS WISHES GEMINI! Partners or others, may require more understanding this month as an energetic NEW MOON initiates a brand new perspective on the 2nd, a cooperative attitude is helpful. On the plus side, the planets have set up more optimistic financial opportunities. JUPITER and SATURN beneficially hook up on the 12th, inspiring you to formulate sensible plans that will help further your goals. VENUS takes up residence in a money zone and may attract more of what you love into your life.

♋ **CANCER (June 22 – July 22)**  
CHEERY HOLIDAY WISHES MOON KIDS! December is a very spiritual month, as we celebrate the reason for the season. You may have heard the saying "As above, So below". In other words, this month's planetary pattern inspires personal satisfaction, combined with tons of fun. You may feel a reconnect with your higher beliefs. MARS stirs up an abundance of activity in the domestic section. No doubt you'll be busy, happy MOON CHILD on the 24th, and 25th, when you entertain the kids and the kinfolk.

♌ **LEO (July 23 – Aug. 22)**  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS LIONS! LEO girls just want to have fun, and so do LEO guys. It's time to party because the SUN, MERCURY, and the NEW MOON have all gathered in the playful area of your Horoscope, and they are currently escalating your plans to make this a festive holiday. Best to take action before the 21st. The planets are in your favor. This is the month to show off your talent for making others happy. Get busy Leos, there are gifts to wrap, trees to trim, and cookies to bake. You know you love it!

♍ **VIRGO (Aug. 23 – Sept. 23)**  
SANTA IS COMING VIRGO! The SUN, and MERCURY encourage lively holiday celebrations launched with the compliments of a playful SAGITTARIUS NEW MOON on the 2nd. Even SERIOUS SATURN has adopted some holiday spirit as it enters a positive planetary pattern. Your outlook improves, and future intentions are supported. Holidays may sometimes fire up disagreements. It's best to be patient VIRGO. The elders, and others in your domestic circle will appreciate your kind, and tolerant attitude. Have a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

♎ **LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23)**  
JINGLE BELL SEASON IS HERE! It's all about family, as your mind wanders back to bygone holidays. This year your CHRISTMAS activities are off to a lively start. MARS charges into your sign on the 7th, and transforms your energy level from a turtle to a Jet. Just in time for Christmas shopping. Later in the month, VENUS does an about face on the 21st and may reduce your speed. But the good news is that it will reside in your domestic zone for the rest of the month, and enfold your home with an aura of love and harmony.

♏ **SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22)**  
DON'T FORGET THE SANTA COOKIES SCORPIO! A NEW MOON teams with the SUN and MERCURY on the 2nd and shifts the monthly focus to financial matters, and your economic outlook. Fortunately an expansive SAGITTARIAN influence may offer opportunities to increase your income. Circle the 12th on your calendar. An advantageous connection between JUPITER and SATURN might help to further your ambitions. Keep moving forward SCORPIO. After the 21st VENUS slips into the house of ideas, and inspires you with rousing notions.

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### THANK AN INDIAN

As previous Presidents have done since 1990, President Barack Obama signed a presidential proclamation declaring November as Native American Heritage Month, with Nov. 29 as Native American Heritage Day. The proclamation states:

"From Alaskan mountain peaks to the Argentinian pampas to the rocky shores of Newfoundland, Native Americans were the first to carve out cities, domesticate crops, and establish great civilizations. When the Framers gathered to write the United States Constitution, they drew inspiration from the Iroquois Confederacy, and in the centuries since, American Indians and Alaska Natives from hundreds of tribes have shaped our national life. During Native American Heritage Month, we honor their vibrant cultures and strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the United States and each tribal nation."

In honor of Native American month, we are reminded of some of the little known but amazing contributions that Indians have made to the rest of the world.

For instance, did you know that the potato chip was invented by an Indian? The story is that George Crum, a Mohawk cook at Saratoga Springs Resort in New York State, was upset because railroad mogul Cornelius Vanderbilt sent his fried potatoes back to the kitchen, complaining that they were too thick. Crum retaliated with paper thin slices. These slices later became known as potato chips.

Did you know that Indians invented straight pins? Indians who lived in what is now Florida between 5,000 and 3,000 B.C. made straight pins from bone. Indian metal workers from South America made silver straight pins with golden heads between 900 and 200 B.C.

Did you know that Indians were the first people to have sunscreen? Northwestern tribes used sunflower oil as protection against sun and windburn. The Zuni of the Southwest used a mixture of western wallflower and water. Other Southwestern tribes protected against sunburn with aloe vera, a plant now known to have healing properties.

Did you know that parkas were invented by Indians? The Inuit invented the hooded parka as an outer garment made from animal skins. Today people throughout the world wear parkas made from many different materials.

Did you know that Indians invented fish

hooks? Between 5,000 and 4,000 BC, indigenous peoples of the Great Lakes made the first metal fishhooks in the Americas and perhaps the world. Other groups of Indian fishers carved hooks from antler, bone, or wood. Early South American fishers made hooks from shells and from plant spines.

Did you know that the modern game of hockey owes its existence to North American Indians? Non-Indians based both ice and field hockey on shinny, a stickball game that Indians of the Great Plains, Plateau, Southwest and Northeast cultures played.

As we celebrate Native American Heritage Month, thank an Indian for enriching our lives.

*Shirley Cloud-Lane  
Education Coordinator*

*Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum*

### PLEASE VOTE WISELY

Dear members:

It is that time once again for us members to decide who will be our leaders for the next three years. This is a very important time for us, because the members that we elect will be making decisions on our behalf, and this is a key position in our tribal government.

Leadership is not taken lightly. It is very important. These leaders that we elect should have communication skills, be honest, go to work, and have a degree – but most importantly, they must read and comprehend issues that come before them.

Leadership has many sides. Having experience is not enough for a leadership position. Too many times we hear that the Tribal Council has made decision that makes no sense to us.

I am sure that you all listened to the Meet the Candidates Night. The subject of ethics was an issue. For one candidate, ethics is the "moral philosophy" – or, in plain words, the right and wrong of conduct, simple and clear.

We have candidates that are quite capable of doing a great job as a council member. They have knowledge of the tribal organization and management skills. So please vote wisely; whatever the Tribal Council decides on in the future will affect all of us members, especially concerning our Financial Plan.

We are a small tribe, and we need to take care of each other and not be selfish!

*Lynda Grove-D'Wolf  
Tribal member*

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## REQUEST FOR BIDS

### Three commercial like-new sewing machines

The Sky Ute Casino Resort Human Resources Department is soliciting bids for three commercial sewing machines-like new. Interested parties must submit a bid that is postdated no later than December 6, 2013. Letters must be clearly marked

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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

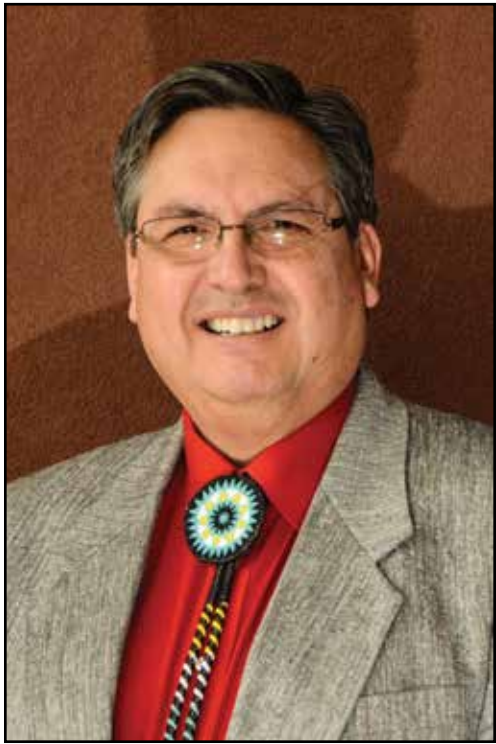
### Furnish and install flooring

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority in Ignacio, CO is accepting proposals for a 2 (two) year contract January 2014 - December 2015 to furnish and install flooring for all Housing Authority Units on an as needed basis. The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority in Ignacio, CO is accepting proposals for a 2 (two) year contract January 2014 - December 2015 to furnish and install flooring for all

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## JURISDICTION IN INDIAN COUNTRY • FROM PAGE 1

VAWA expands tribal criminal jurisdiction to include non-Natives in certain types of cases.

While the TOLA and VAWA are good as far as they go, the commission acknowledges that these laws do nothing to resolve the complex morass that defines criminal jurisdiction in Indian Country. Instead, they perpetuate the status quo.

The commission recognizes the short-comings of the TOLA and the VAWA, and states that these laws, along with other federal laws, “do not provide tribal governments with full authority over all crime and all persons on their lands.”

The commission’s report then states the following: “[F]or public safety to be achieved effectively in Indian Country, tribal justice systems must be allowed to flourish, tribal authority should be restored to tribal governments when they request it, and the federal government, in particular, needs

to take a back seat in Indian Country, enforcing only those crimes that it would otherwise enforce on or off reservation.”

Based on these findings, the commission makes specific recommendations. First and perhaps foremost, the commission recommends that Congress take appropriate action to allow any tribe who chooses to opt out of federal criminal jurisdiction over their reservation to do so, and to opt out of congressionally authorized state jurisdiction.

A tribe who chooses to opt out would then assume full and complete criminal jurisdiction over all persons on their land – not just Native persons, but all persons. Tribes would then be free to write their own criminal codes, and to devise sentencing schemes appropriate for each criminal offense. Tribes who choose to opt out simply must afford all individuals charged with a crime those same rights guaranteed

by the U.S. Constitution.

The commission’s recommendations provide a simple, effective means to resolve the existing jurisdictional quagmire. No longer would the ethnicity (Native versus non-Native) of the victim, or the perpetrator, be relevant inquiries.

Instead, the inquiry would be quite simple: Did the conduct at issue take place in Indian Country? If the answer to that question is yes, then the governing tribe would have jurisdiction to hear that case.

The commission’s recommendations are just that: recommendations. However, they merit serious consideration because they are made by a panel of experts selected by the president and leaders of Congress. What our elected officials make of these recommendations remains to be seen.

To read the entire report, visit the commission’s website at [www.indianlawandordercommission.com](http://www.indianlawandordercommission.com).

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### Consulting services for the business process improvement/ key performance indicators project

#### OWNER:

Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Executive Office  
PO Box 737  
356 Ouray Dr  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
970-563-0100, Extension 2301

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for a Consultant Services Firm to submit proposals for the Business Process Improvement/Key Performance Indicators Project located at the Leonard C. Burch Building, 356 Ouray Dr, Ignacio, CO 81137. Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Executive Office located at the Leonard C. Burch

Building, 356 Ouray Dr, Ignacio, CO 81137 until 5:00PM, MDT, Wednesday, December 11, 2013. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Management Information Systems for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0128 or [MIS@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:MIS@southernute-nsn.gov). The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation  
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

#### In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.:2013-0101-CV-NC

#### Angel Santana Ortiz, NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Angel Santana Ortiz has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Angel Santana Burch. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than November 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 21st day of October, 2013.  
Maria Farmer, Court Clerk

#### In the Legal Name Change of, Case No.: 2013-0103-CV-NC

#### Sara Rae Jean Pena, Civil Subject NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given that Sara Rae Jean Pena filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Cera Jean Rock. As of November 12, 2013 at 3:00PM no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Sara Rae Jean Pena name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Cera Jean Rock.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2013.  
Chantel Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

From the staff of The Southern Ute Drum

# Happy Thanksgiving



**Mique Nuche!**  
**Family, Friends, Relatives and Tribal Members!**

## VOTE Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie

**This Nuumachi who has Experience in the leadership served 3 terms and 1 year as a Vice-Chairman. Together we will walk in our Nuupacha! This Nuumachi will listen, communicate, work and support you Nuchu!**

**Shout out to you Nuchu! VOTE Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie on December 13th, 2013**

**May the Creator watch over you and take care of you all Nuchu through your daily lives, from the youngest to the oldest.**



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Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://www.sugf.com/jobs.asp) to view job details and to apply online.  
Human Resources • PO Box 367, Ignacio, CO 81137 • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024  
Tribal member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test and background check

Solid Waste Monitor – SUGF (Utilities)

Closing date 12/2/13  
Ignacio, CO. Under general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor, performs duties necessary to operate the Tribal Solid Waste Transfer Station operation, the Tribal Customer Polycarts system, and assists with other duties at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Senior Business Process Analyst – SU Shared Services

Closing date 12/3/13  
Ignacio, CO. Acts as a liaison between Southern Ute Shared Services and its key requirements stakeholders. Facilitates business process change across Shared Services and with key application requirements stakeholders on projects related to PeopleSoft, SAP, Kronos, and other applications supported by Shared Services. Managing the requirements development process through the elicitation, analysis, specification and verification of multiple levels of requirements (business, stakeholder, solution) and support the ongoing management of the requirements. Creates viable and consumable specifications including acceptance criteria in preparation for the construction, testing, and deployment of Shared Services solutions.

Senior Security and Network Engineer – SU Shared Services

Closing date 12/3/13  
Ignacio, CO. Developing and integrating all network communication requirements for the LAN/WAN.

Microsoft SharePoint Administrator – SU Shared Services

Closing date 12/3/13  
Ignacio, CO. Responsible for the SharePoint farm with respect to Microsoft SharePoint. Establish and support development, test and production environments using Microsoft SharePoint and third party applications. Work with team members at various levels to ensure that development, test and production environments are deployed to meet Shared Services software development lifecycle standards.

Facilities Engineering Supervisor – GF Real Estate Group

Closing date 12/12/13  
Denver, CO. Providing building and property management services to the Belmar project; to include monitoring and maintaining physical structures of buildings, repairing mechanical and electrical equipment and grounds, satisfying tenant requests, processing work orders, supervising technical services and grounds team and coordinating sub-contracted work. Must present a positive and professional image.

DOT Compliance Coordinator – Red Cedar Gathering

Closing date 12/13/13  
Durango, CO. Ensuring compliance with all Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline Safety Regulations, Parts 191 and 192 applicable to the gathering or transportation of natural gas, for all Red Cedar Gathering Company facilities and operations.

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.  
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137  
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome • Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, and qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License.

Banquet Staff (On-call)

Closing date 11/27/13  
Assists in serving, set-up, and clean-up of all banquet functions. High School diploma/GED preferred. Must be at least 18 yrs old, preference will be given to those over 21 yrs old for alcohol laws. Must have food service experience. Must have a valid driver's license and be insurable under the tribal vehicle insurance policy.

Hotel Housekeeping Supervisor (Full-time)

Closing date 11/27/13  
Responsible for training all hotel housekeeping employees and ensuring all employees abide by all policies and procedures. Must be 21 years old. High School Diploma/GED. Must have 1 year prior Housekeeping experience. Must have 3 yrs prior Supervising exp.

Line Cook-Shining Mountain (Full-time)

Closing date 11/27/13  
Responsible for the preparation of the Al La Carte menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality, and freshness. High School diploma/GED. Must be at least 18 years old. Minimum 1 year cooking experience in a fast paced full service restaurant OR 6 months in-house training.

Slot Technician I (Full-time)

Closing date 11/27/13  
Assists in daily repair, installation and relocation of slot machines and related equipment as directed by the Supervising Slot Technician. The technician will train in all slot tech areas toward

the Slot Tech II level duties. Must have a High School diploma/GED. Must be at least 21 years old. 1 year experience in a related field (Slot Operations, automotive, mechanical or computer repair) required. Must be computer literate.

Sales Coordinator (Full-time)

Closing date 11/28/13  
Solicits group business for the hotel and casino. Maximize profits of the hotel through creative and selective selling. This position will also be responsible for pursuing Bus Group Tourism Tours with DATO, DACRA, Grand Circle, etc. Must be at least 21 years old. High School diploma/GED. Associate's Degree from a 2 year college in Hospitality Management, or related field. Must have a minimum of 3 years Hotel Front Desk, Hotel Sales or related exp OR equivalent combination of education and experience in a similar sized property at a casino, hotel or resort. Must a minimum of 1 year Supervisor experience. Must have a valid driver's license and must be insurable under the tribal vehicle insurance policy.

Server-Rolling Thunder (Full-time)

Closing date 11/29/13  
Provide exceptional customer service by service of food and/or beverage to include taking the order and delivering food and/or beverage items. High school diploma/GED. Must be at least 21 years old. Minimum 1 year waitress/waiter experience. 1 year of cashing and food service experience. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE - SOCIAL SERVICES  
Citizen Review Panel

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking two (2) Southern Ute Tribal Members to serve on the Citizen Review Panel. The Panel reviews complaints arising from and related to cases handled by the Tribe's Division of Social Services and engages in a conflict resolution process. Panel members shall receive compensation at the rate of \$25 per hour for service on the Panel. Applicants must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older; have demonstrable personal or professional knowledge and experience with children and/or adult protection; have

no convictions for crimes of violence or involving a child victim; is not party to litigation involving the Division, or has had an active welfare case within two years; is not a Division employee. All applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Tribal members interested in serving on the Citizen Review Panel can turn in a letter of intent at the Human Resources Office. The letter should provide specific evidence of his/her qualifications. For detailed information about this volunteer position call Human Resources at 970-563-0100 Ext. 2424.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.  
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE  
Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137  
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777  
Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Clinic Registered Nurse (2 Positions)

Closing date 12/2/13  
Registered Nurse position providing professional and clinical services at the Southern Ute Health Center. Pay grade 21; \$25.66/hour.

Custodian

Closing date 12/2/13  
Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade 12; \$11/hour.

Housing Department Director

Closing date 12/2/13  
Professional position with overall responsibility for the management, supervision, and development of Southern Ute Indian Tribal member housing programs. Incumbent is responsible for ensuring the provision of Tribal member education, guidance, and support, necessary to achieve housing goals. Pay grade 23; \$65,584/annual.

Supervisory Pharmacist

Closing date 12/2/13  
Professional position providing administrative, clinical, health promotion/disease prevention, and educational services specific to the pharmacy programs operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Organizes and supervises the work of the pharmacy program to ensure that effective pharmacy services are provided and quality standards are met. Pay grade 27; \$105,508/annual.

Social Services Clinical Supervisor (Full or Part-time)

Closing date 12/6/13  
May be filled as a full-time, or a part-time position, depending upon the availability of the successful applicant. This is a senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Pay grade 22; \$60,320/year for full time.

Property and Facilities Director

Closing date 12/13/13  
Under administrative direction of Executive Officer, overall supervision of Property and Facilities Management and programs for the Southern Ute Tribe Permanent Fund, including management of the Property and Facilities Department and its divisions: Motorpool, Building Maintenance, Custodial Services, and Grounds Maintenance; ensuring that quality and prompt

services are provided to the Tribe and the Tribal membership. Pay grade 23; \$65,584/annual.

Trainee Distance Learning Coordinator

Closing date 12/13/13  
Southern Ute tribal member only. This is a trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal Member to assume the position of full time Higher Education/Distance Learning Coordinator upon completion of the program, under the supervision of the Director of Higher Education. Length of the trainee program is six months to one year depending upon experience and individual progression; performance will be evaluated on a 3-month basis. After six months to a year, trainee will be elevated to the entry-level wage for a grade 18 based upon successful completion of the trainee program. The goal of the program is for the Trainee to work in coordination with Tribal Organizations, Universities, Colleges, local schools, and community members to provide long distance telecommunications educational resource information and classes for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade: 20% under minimum of pay grade 17; \$13.78/hour, eligible for quarterly increases depending upon satisfactory evaluations, up to \$17.22/hour.

Apprentice Food Distribution Manager

Closing date 12/16/13  
This program is designed to meet the interests of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a desire to learn the processes involved with the Food Distribution Program. The timeframe for this program's completion is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction. Provides program management assistance for the Food Distribution Program to include administrative duties, eligibility determination, inventory control, distribution of commodities and management of application process. Pay grade; \$13.78/hour (20% under minimum of Grade 17, eligible for quarterly increases upon satisfactory evaluation, up to starting pay of \$17.22/hour).

Temporary Umpires, Referees, Scorekeepers

Open until filled  
Team Jobs Program  
Continuously open  
Southern Ute tribal member only. The Team Jobs positions are temporary assignments that are filled as needed from the currentpool of applicants. The rate of pay is set at the minimum pay for the assignment, but not less than \$11/hour.

A great new way to find out about job opportunities 24 hours a day, seven days a week! The job hotline lists the job title and closing date for both Permanent Fund and Growth Fund positions. Full job announcement including qualifications in Human Resource Department. Hotline is updated weekly.

ATTENTION:  
SOUTHERN UTE  
TRIBAL MEMBERS!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR FULL TIME PERMANENT  
EMPLOYMENT WITH THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE?

The Education Department's Distance Learning Coordinator's position is open until December 13th for an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member. No experience required, we will train you! All you need is an associate's, bachelors or graduate degree, have a great outlook, be a team player and work for the best interest of the members and the organization!  
You will gain knowledge in bringing classes, workshops, and trainings through distance learning technology, coordinate the Career Fair and the Education Banquet, do some traveling and meeting other Tribal members, and professionals at various colleges and universities.  
This trainee position will help you gain valuable experience with the tribal government, you'll learn the budget process, get to know tribal council, learn more about our culture, tradition and values!  
If you want an interview all you have to do is apply online with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resource Department!  
To learn more about the position please don't hesitate and give La Titia Taylor, Director of Education, or Renee Sage, Office Manager a call at (970) 563-0237!  
We look forward to seeing your application.

Best wishes, La Titia Taylor!

Johnson O'Malley



\*\*\*Committee Vacancy\*\*\*

The JOM committee has two vacancies.  
To be considered please submit a LETTER of INTENT

Eligibility:

1. You must be a parent or guardian of a currently enrolled student in the Ignacio or Bayfield School Districts or the local Head Start.
2. Children must be enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe and have a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) or have proof of 1/4 descent.
3. Be 18 or older
4. Be able to commit to a two-year term. Meetings are held once a month.

The next meeting will meet Monday, December 2, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. Education building/S. Ute Education Dept.

To submit your letter of intent please contact Ellen S. Baker at 970-563-0235 or [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov)  
This committee oversees spending of federal JOM dollars in Ignacio, Bayfield, and Head Start. It's a great way to assist local Native American students. Please call Ellen for more information, or Naomi Russell at 970-403-0613.

Want to get involved in your  
Community?

The Board of County Commissioners invites all members of the community to apply for vacancies on one of the boards or commissions listed below:

- Board of Adjustment
- Board of Appeals
- Community Corrections Board
- Citizens Review Panel for Child Welfare Grievances
- Durango-La Plata County Airport Commission
- Durango Hills Road Improvement District Advisory Committee
- Durango Public Library Board
- Extension Advisory Committee
- Fire Code Board of Appeals—Gen. Contractor, Design Professional, Industrial Safety Professional
- Historic Preservation Review Commission
- Ignacio Community Library District Board
- Lake Durango Water Authority - (customer of Water Authority)
- Living with Wildlife Advisory Board
- Lodging Tax Panel
- Long Term Finance Committee
- Pine River Cemetery District Committee
- Planning Commission
- Regional Housing Alliance
- Southwest Region 9 Workforce Board
- Undesirable Plant & Rodent Advisory Committee

These positions are advisory only and are not monetarily compensated. Check the County website for specific board requirements. Applications and descriptions may be obtained online at [www.co.laplate.co.us](http://www.co.laplate.co.us) or from the La Plata County Courthouse Information Center, 1060 East Second Avenue, Durango, CO. Applications must be returned by December 13th. For additional information call 970-382-6219.



FOR SALE  
Attention tribal members  
and tribal employees

Get to work in 5 minutes from this 16-irrigated acres on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe reservation, 4 easy miles north from Ignacio, one full irrigation water share from the King Ditch, south sloping land growing hay, average 650 bales one cutting, w/pond, electricity at property line, entirely fenced, private, excellent access road, asking price has been reduced to \$170K but will discount \$5K to Southern Ute Tribal member or Southern Ute Tribal employee for a quick close please call Steve Williams 970-884-1326 or email questions to [ljmforever53@gmail.com](mailto:ljmforever53@gmail.com) for more details.

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[sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov)





## FLY-FISHING

### Thankful for another state

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

My favorite holiday, Halloween, has come and gone. My second-favorite holiday, Thanksgiving, is coming up. I am thankful for all the things folks give thanks for as they sit around the Thanksgiving table. However, I am thankful for something not usually thought of over plates of turkey. I am thankful that I'm still able to work on my goal of catching a fish on my fly rod in every state. And in October, I put another notch on my fly rod. North Dakota is now in my record book.

For those of you who have never been to North Dakota, or see no reason to visit the state because your vision of North Dakota is from the movie Fargo, think again. My quest took my fly-fishing partner and good friend, Randall, and me from the east boundary, through the heartland of the state, then south to the South Dakota state line. We entered the state on I-94, from Montana, and were soon at our first fishing location.

About 10 miles west of the state line is a lake at Camel Hump Dam. This was our first stop. We were told the lake holds trout, smallmouth bass, pan fish, and catfish. The lake is accessible from well-marked dirt and gravel roads and has many day camping sites at the waters' edge.

This was great for us as we didn't have a boat. Randall and I booted and suited and headed for the water. The weather was clear and warm, so I was hopeful for



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some dry fly activity. My third cast, with a dry, resulted in a strike.

We fished this area a bit longer, without hooking a fish, then moved to the dam. Here is where North Dakota entered the scorecard. I changed my dry fly to a green Woolley Bugger and immediately caught two large pan fish. Randall wasn't having any success, so being the thoughtful fly-fishing buddy that I am, I gave Randall my green Woolly Bugger.

Five casts later, Randall hooked up. He caught a really big live oak tree. He lost my only green Woolly Bugger. I took it like a man.

We decided to drive a little further east and see what was fishable. We drove to the Theodore Roosevelt National

Park South Unit, thinking it would be fun to fish there. However, due to the government shutdown, it was closed. I do wish more members of Congress fly-fished; if they did, the shut down might not have happened.

Our plan for the next day was to fly-fish the Missouri River on the way to a pheasant hunt in South Dakota. We did fish the Missouri River; however, the weather had changed from sunny and nice to windy, cold and rainy. So after we gave being miserable a good try, we decided to become tourists and just see some of North Dakota. Folks, it is a beautiful state.

On our journey south, from Bismarck, we were privileged to see what makes this state, and country, so great. There were lakes and rivers everywhere. The great grasslands with slow rolling hills were on every side of the truck. There was even hay being combined from the highway right-of-ways. And the people were the most friendly, helpful, and gracious, of anywhere I've been.

I look forward to making my way to North Dakota for a do-over. It was truly a fun place to catch fish on my fly rod. If your view of North Dakota is from the movie Fargo, keep it firmly in your mind. The fewer people heading there will mean more locations for me to fly-fish without seeing any other folks.

I would be remiss if I didn't make a plug for Thanksgiving. It is a great time of the year. Take this Thanksgiving to give your friends and family an extra hug and thank them for just being there when you needed them.

## GROWTH FUND

### Tribe receives \$1.5m solar grant

By Ace Stryker  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Several of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's office buildings could soon be operating partially on solar power.

The U.S. Department of Energy announced Thursday, Nov. 14 that the tribe has been awarded \$1.5 million to install a solar facility on the Southern Ute Reservation that would power some of the tribe's commercial buildings. As a condition of the grant, the tribe is matching the funds with \$1.5 million of its own.

"The grant money is supposed to offset a carbon footprint," said Rebecca Kauffman, president of Southern Ute Alternative Energy, which applied for the grant in cooperation with the tribe's Environmental Programs Division and Natural Resources, Tribal Planning and Finance departments.

Kauffman said the vast majority of electricity that powers tribal buildings comes from coal, a relatively dirty source in terms of environmental impact. In awarding the grant, the Department of Energy is requiring that the tribe's solar facility be completed within three years and that the carbon footprint of any building it feeds be reduced by at least 15 percent.

Rather than apply solar panels to existing buildings, Kauffman said, the group decided the best approach would be to construct one separate facility – comprising between five and 10 acres of panels – and transmit the power using La Plata Electric Association lines.

"Some of the buildings that could use a little subsidization to their power the most ... you would have to do major upgrades to put any solar panels on their roofs," she



courtesy Dennis Schroeder/NREL

Otto VanGeet (center), senior engineer at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, demonstrates the use of a SunEye tool to gauge solar availability with James Jensen, project manager for Southern Ute Alternative Energy, during a visit to Ignacio on July 31.

said. "What we're going to do is try to build a single solar facility ... then that power can be used by the various tribally owned buildings."

Where the facility would be located and which buildings it would power are still being discussed, Kauffman said. She also stressed that, due to the requirements of the grant, it would not mean free power for tribal members or area residents.

All of this depends on the tribe and Department of Energy agreeing to terms, Kauffman said. No money will be awarded until both parties sign on the dotted line, which she hopes will happen before the end of the year.

The tribe applied the first time about two years ago for grant money for a solar project, but was unsuccessful, she said. That turned out to be only a setback. In 2012, Alternative Energy conducted a feasibility study that concluded that with rapidly falling installation prices, solar energy was becoming increasingly attractive.

So earlier this year, the team applied again – and were selected, along with eight other tribes, for an award.

"It's a reduction in air emissions in the region," said Tom

Johnson, head of the tribe's Environmental Programs Division. "It's also diversifying the tribe's interests in energy. There's opportunity for the tribe to get involved in other energy projects that will be beneficial to Indian Country as a whole."

Johnson said the facility could be used as an outreach and education tool.

If the project is a success, Kauffman said, it could open the door for the tribe to pursue further projects in solar power.

"It's a real gateway for us for local investment in solar energy," she said. "If we get this project up and running, and the economics all bear out and the prices keep dropping ... then it will be economical to build another one to sell the power for profit."

Earlier this year, the tribe won an award from the Department of Energy's Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs to receive technical assistance on renewable energy projects, making available experts from the National Renewable Energy Lab. Representatives visited Ignacio in July to discuss a potential project, including technical, development and financing aspects.

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Wednesday, Nov. 27



Partly cloudy 41°F

Thursday, Nov. 28



Sunny 47°F

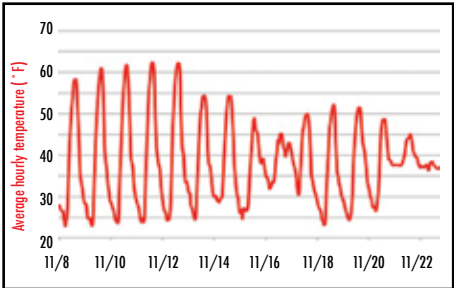
Friday, Nov. 29



Mostly sunny 47°F

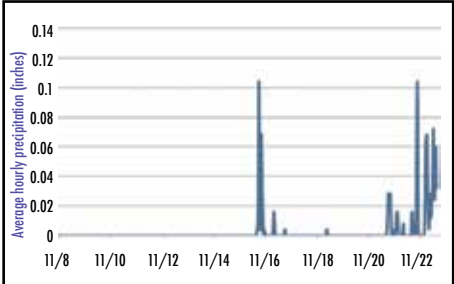


### Weather data for November 11 – November 22



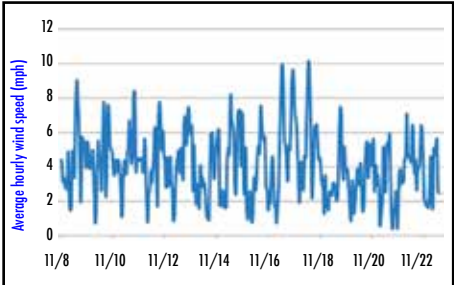
#### Temperature

High	62.3°
Low	22.9°
Average	38.2°
Average last year	34.8°



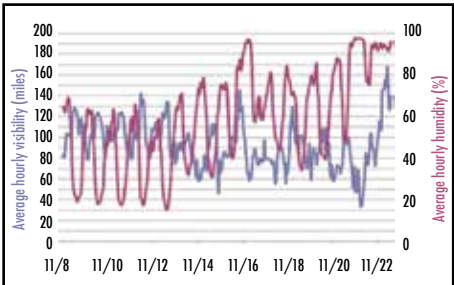
#### Precipitation

Total	0.960"
Total last year	0.812"



#### Wind speed

Average	4.1
Minimum	0.4
Maximum	10.1



#### Visibility & humidity

Average visibility	93.0
Average humidity	59.2%

Air quality  
Good



Data compiled by Southern Ute Environmental Programs

Weather forecasts collected from www.NOAA.gov

## MASSIVE 2013 CLEARANCE SAVINGS!

As a "Thank You" to our valued customers, we're giving away a **\$500 Gift Card** with each new in-stock 2013 vehicle purchased through **Saturday, Nov. 30**. This is in addition to all discounts & rebates!

**2013 Dodge Avenger SE**  
**MSRP: \$23,175 SALE: \$19,675**  
Stock #3450

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**\$3,500 OFF MSRP!**

**2013 Dodge Charger SXT Sedan**  
**MSRP: \$37,470 SALE: \$31,995**  
Stock #2810

**\$5,475 OFF MSRP!**



**2013 Dodge Dart SE/AERO**  
**MSRP: \$18,180 SALE: \$15,534**  
Stock #3408

**HURRY, sale ends Monday!**



Sale prices include a combination of rebates and dealer discounts. See dealer for details. Vehicle color may vary. All vehicles subject to prior sale. All prices plus T&E and \$249 dealer handling fee. Offers expire 12-02-13.

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